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FOLLOWING REPEAT BOMBAY 1147 SENT ACTION NEW DELHI  
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QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L BOMBAY 1147

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH IN

SUBJ: REPORT OF ERDA TEAM

1. CONGEN HAS JUST RECEIVED A COPY OF J.C.SHAH LETTER TO SCIATT VREBALOVICH DATED APRIL 28TH REQUESTING FULLER REPORT ON THE VISIT OF THE US SECURITY TEAM TO TARAPUR AND HYDERABAD LAST NOV.
  2. SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS SETHNA AND SHAH HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE SUMMARY REPORT (STATE 60498) OF THIS VISIT. THEY HAVE APPARENTLY NOW CONCLUDED THAT A FORMAL RECORDING OF THEIR VIEWS AND EXPECTATIONS IS NEEDED IF THEY ARE TO GET A DOCUMENT MORE IN KEEPING WITH THEIR EXPECTATIONS AND NEEDS.
  3. CONGEN HAS NO DOUBT THAT THE IAEC OFFICIALS GENUINELY BELIEVE THAT SUMMARY REFLECTS NEITHER THE SUBSTANCE NOR TONE OF THE TEAM'S FINAL ORAL PRESENTATION. IAEC IS PURSUING THE MATTER
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BECAUSE SETHNA WANTS DEMONSTRATE THAT THERE IS SOME BENEFIT TO

IAEC IN OPENING ITS DOORS SO WIDELY TO COOPERATION WITH FOREIGNERS. THEY WANT SOME SORT OF A DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE USEFUL IN DEMONSTRATING TO THE GOVERNMENT HERE AND PARTICULARLY TO THE CRITICS OF THE ATOMIC PROGRAM THAT THEY ARE CLOSELY COLLABORATING WITH MAJOR NUCLEAR POWERS IN THE SECURITY FIELD AND THAT THEIR PROGRAMS IN THIS AREA GENERALLY MEET INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. THE IAEC OFFICIALS PRESENT DURING THORPE'S CONCLUDING REMARKS HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT HIS REPORT WOULD REFLECT A GENERALLY SATISFACTORY APPRAISAL OF THEIR PHYSICAL SECURITY PROGRAMS. THEY RECOGNIZE THAT SOME SUGGESTION FOR ADDITIONAL ALARM SYSTEMS WOULD BE ADVANCED AND THAT THORPE COULD NOT GIVE AN INDORSEMENT ON THE FRP UNTIL THE FACILITY WAS COMPLETED.

4. CONGEN BELIEVES THAT A SANITIZED VERSION OF THE MARCH 9TH ERDA EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE TEAM'S VISIT WOULD MEET THEIR PURPOSE. IT COULD BEGIN BY STATING STRENGTHS OF THE SYSTEM, NOTE THAT IT IS GENERALLY ADEQUATE, ADVANCE SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL ALARMS AS WELL AS ANOTHER GUARD AND THEN NOTE THAT DEFINITIVE EVALUATION WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THE BEGINNING OF OPERATIONS. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT TONE OF REPORT REFLECT SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE. CONGEN BELIEVES THAT IT WAS THE CRYPTIC AND RATHER SHARP TONE OF THE SUMMARY (STATE 60498) THAT IRRITATED IAEC AND LED TO THE REQUEST FOR A FULLER REPORT ON THE TEAM'S VISIT.

5. WHILE ON SUBJECT OF SECURITY TEAM VISIT, IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT SETHNA INITIALLY EXPECTED THAT SECURITY INTERCHANGE WOULD BE INITIATED BY VISIT OF AN INDIAN OFFICIAL OR OFFICIALS TO VIEW PHYSICAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT US ATOMIC POWER INSTALLATIONS. HE AGREED TO START COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD BY RECEIVING AMERICAN TEAM BECAUSE OUR GROUP WAS TRAVELLING IN THIS AREA. IAEC IS NOW MORE THAN EVER ANXIOUS TO PROCEED WITH OTHER HALF THIS INTERCHANGE AND SHAH HAS INFORMALLY AKSED WHEN THIS INVITATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

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